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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC 1. Bautzen-Litten Airfield
2. Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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19 April to 19 May 1953

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DATE PREPARED 1 July 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 16 May 1953, 20 VP soldiers were laying runway mats at Bautzen-Litten airfield. The auxiliary runway extended to the east across the Purschwitz-Neupurschwitz road, about as far as kilometer marker 5.1 on the Bautzen-Weissenberg road. There, the terrain had to be raised for a further extension of the runway and the required sand had already arrived. Earth piles in the northeastern section of the field were being leveled by means of a dredger and the earth was trucked away for grading the field area. Four dredgers were used in the northwestern section of the field and two dredgers were observed near the entrance on the southwestern edge of the field. The field boundary was guarded by one VP sentry each at the southwestern and southern entrances and a civilian of the Bauunion was posted on the northern border, at the barrier across the Neupurschwitz-Purschwitz road.

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3. Between 11 and 14 May, source observed that runway mats were being hauled on lorries from the storage site on the northern outskirts of Neupurschwitz to the landing field on which they were being laid to a point in line with kilometer marker 5.4 on the Neupurschwitz-Wurschen road. A temporary building for the workers was erected in the northwestern corner of the field south of Litten.

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4. The Husaren Kaserne in the southeastern section of Bautzen, is bordered to the north, east and south by a 2.2-meter-high brick wall with barbed wire on top and to the west by an iron fence. The main entrance is at the western side and closed gate is at the eastern side. On 16 May, civilian cars with masons' and painters' equipment entered the Husaren Kaserne, trucks, [REDACTED] loaded with iron plates, each 3 to 4 meters long, 30 to 40 cm wide and with a special profile, left the installation. About

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20 trucks were parked in the barracks yard in front of garage No 8. In the morning of 19 May, about 100 VPL troops were drilling in the barracks yard and, within one hour, eight trucks loaded with metal plates left the installation heading toward Litten.

5. On 18 May, the western runway strip of about 1,000 meters was covered with runway mats which had been stored at the field. A total of about 1,000 laborers were employed at the field. a portion of them was to be transferred to Welzow and Bremenham. No aircraft were parked at the field. Four dredgers were seen in the western section of the field and one dredger in the eastern section. The Bauunion South, Dresden, was charged with construction work. Individual VP soldiers with blue collar patches were observed at the field.

Comment. Construction work at Bautzen-Litten airfield has progressed at a comparatively rapid speed. The storage of runway mats was previously reported. It is believed that the runway will be completed in the near future as a length of more than 1,000 meters has probably been covered with runway mats.

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